

NIVA MEETING RECORD

August 11, 2004

ANNOUNCEMENTS Irvine City Mgr. Allison Hart has announced her intended retirement next June. She has been the City's manager for 5 years and plans to go into private sector.

Deanne Manning retired June 25 as the City's Dir. of Community Services Dept. Tina Christiansen has been appointed her replacement. Sean Joyce was appointed effective July 26 as replacement for Cindy Nelson who resigned as Assistant City Mgr. whose prime function is the overseeing the Great Park project.

Caltrans announced Aug 5 that it will be budgeting \$4.8 M for for year 2008 for improvement to the SB I-5 off-ramp and auxiliary lane at Jamboree.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **PLANNING AREA 8 DEV. COMMITTEE [Nellie Buomberger]** - Buomberger reported that Classic Northwood discussed the trip cap issues in their newsletter and at the Board meeting. The Board decided they would not lead an effort to "monitor" trip cap. No responses to a request for homeowner volunteers was received. Buomberger cannot attend the necessary meetings during the day because of her work schedule. It appears the item will die due to a lack of interest and, consequently, the City will increase the level of "approved" traffic generation from the site.
2. **LOWER PETERS CANYON COMMITTEE [Dave Melvold]** - The Tentative Tract Map 16644 and modified Park Plan (361641-PPP) for the recently approved 192-unit residential in Sector 8 reviewed by the Com. Services Commission at its July 7 meeting and recommended approval to the PC.
3. **NORTHERN SPHERE (PA-3, 5B, 6, 8A, & 9) (_____)** - The City has received a proposed Sign Program for the Woodbury Village (PA-9A) from Baab & Associates in behalf of the Irvine Community Development Co. NIVA requested and received a copy of the proposed program for review from David Baab on June 26. Per City Planner Virginia Viado (who is now no longer with the City), the program will be modified to include a drawing of the village monument sign structures. David Baab was reminded of the previous event with the large village monument structures with Lower Peters Canyon being classified as signs and the PC's response that they have the opportunity to review the application. Baab, however, stated that the PC felt that the Lower Peters Canyon Community Park and Trail Master Plan was sufficient for approval of the village monument signs (structures) and all that the PC had or wanted to see. He was therefore following the same course with this application. In the package received from Baab was a copy of the PA-9A Village Planning Landscape Concept Plan and Trail Master Plan approved by the City last Feb 25 which indicated the location of the monuments by way of rectangular dashed lines but with a note stating that "entry monuments are subject to review and approval under a separate application". He stated further that some of the structures were already under construction with permits received from the City! He concurred that the PC never saw any drawings or renderings to approve! The Planning Commission is expected to consider the application in August 19 but staff acknowledges that the permits were given prematurely over-the-counter prior to PC review! Unfortunate but understandable, certain members of the staff may have been uninformed; however, TIC and its consultant most certainly were aware of the PC's previously expressed requirement to see the monument structure applications. The City is forwarding a copy of the "approved" monument structure drawings for review prior to the PC hearing. All were in favor of NIVA sending a letter to the City.

As agreed at the June meeting, a letter was sent June 23 to the City Councilmembers supporting the pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the Corridor and the extension of the Venta Spur aligned with Bryan

Avenue through the site of the proposed PA-9C (Workforce Housing) project. A July 14 response was received from the Mayor. The Council was to hear the matter at its June 22nd meeting but postponed the hearing until Aug 24.

Community Services Com. held a hearing July 21 on the Vesting Tentative Tract Map 16562 on the Park Plan and Master Trails Plan (354899-PTT) for PA-6, i.e., the area north of Irvine Blvd., west of El Toro housing, south of the Foothill Corridor, and east of 133 Corridor and recommended approval to the Council. The Subdivision Committee heard the matter earlier today and also recommended approval. The PC hearing is scheduled Aug 19. NIVA has never received a copy of the staff reports but previous review of the proposed development has not disclosed any objectionable features.

The Irvine Co. has made an offer to the City to provide two sites of historical significance totaling 100 acres in PA-6 near what is called Tomato Springs along Portola Parkway east of the 133 Corridor. The proposal includes moving the community park which was to be located in PA-6 to be adjacent to these sites. The offer is for land and improvements and is being proposed as satisfaction of the community park requirements for the residential intensity proposed increase in PA-9B and the "workforce housing" proposed for PA-9C. Details have yet to be identified and analyzed by City staff. The Com. Services Com. was apprised of the proposal at its Aug 4 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. EL TORO MCAS REUSE - The 2nd in a series of public symposiums was held June 23 at City Hall. Key speaker was Alexander Garvin, Dir. of Planning, Design and Development for the Lower Manhattan Dev. Corp. overseeing the planning for the World Trade Center site. The key points he presented were that: (1) must keep in mind who the park will serve; (2) central purpose must be constantly reexamined in the years ahead; (3) Ease of access is critical; and (4) must be thinking in terms of long-term use (as much as 100 years). Three questions resulted: (1) How to make the park attractive while not "competing" with local parks. (2) How to be sufficiently attractive with unique uses to justify travel time from throughout the County. (3) How to accommodate access without impacting local community with traffic. These questions are big challenges which will have to be addressed by the Great Park Board in developing the design and content of the park. North Irvine residents will have to be ever vigilant regarding the traffic impact potential of proposed uses. It is in everybody's interest to have the park financially viable and useful but it must be done without impacting the North Irvine community with unreasonable traffic.

The third public symposium was scheduled for July 22 with speaker Dr. Neil Kirkwood. The next 2 symposiums are scheduled for Aug 26 (Dr. Michael Brown who has worked with the City in monitoring the Navy's remediation efforts at El Toro) and Sept 23 at City Hall. White said he would attend the Aug 26 symposium and LaPorte the Sept 23. Each would report back at the following NIVA general meeting.

2. MUSICK JAIL EXPANSION - Councilmember Mears has chosen not to run again for the Council. Recall that under Mears encouragement, the City withdrew from a tentative agreement reached with Sheriff Corona negotiated by Councilmember Ward. With Mears leaving, he leaves unresolved the question of the expansion. All were in favor of NIVA sending a letter to the Council recommending/encouraging an agreement with the County prior to expiration of his term.

3. I-5 FREEWAY OFFRAMP LANDSCAPING - [Awaiting response to NIVA letter of May 14 to the OCTA about the 5-lane I-5 SB off-ramp @ Culver proposal.] Caltrans announced Aug 5 that it will be budgeting \$1.8 Million for the SB Culver Drive off-ramp widening. However, this will not be until Years 2006 (\$324k) and 2007 (\$1.561 M) -- some time after the traffic impacts are felt from the development in Lower Peters Canyon and Northern Sphere.

4. COMPLETION OF PETERS CANYON WASH AND WALNUT TRAIL "GAPS" - Received an initial June 16 letter from the City Mgr. acknowledging receipt of NIVA's letter and a followup June 29 letter with a detailed breakdown of the status of the segments of the trails. As indicated, there are still issues to be resolved on portion of the Peters Canyon Trail from Walnut north to El Camino Real and from Bryant north to Jamboree Road. The letter contained no details on the Hicks Canyon Trail completion status. The June 29 letter also makes no mention of the Peters Canyon Riding (equestrian) Trail which is understandable since it is a County trail. However, it is within the City and our community and was a responsibility on the part of the developer to provide. There apparently is some sort of hangup with it as it remains closed from Walnut north to the bridge crossing of the channel north of Irvine Blvd. As a result it is becoming an eyesore as landscape maintenance is not occurring and weeds are taking over. All were in favor of NIVA pursuing followup of Hicks Canyon Trail and Peters Canyon Trail completion and sending letter regarding missing trail signs and bench. Additionally, all favored NIVA contacting the County regarding keeping up the equestrian trail even if not opened along with seeking City's assistance with the County.

5. UNDERGROUNDING OF BRYAN 69-kV POWER LINE [Andy Zelinko] - The installation of the underground conduits and manholes has been completed. Zelinko reported that the cable pulls will begin the week of Aug 16 and will take about 2 months. A circuit breaker will need to be changed which is planned for late Oct. Dec will be the switch over from the old to the new cables. In Jan., the old poles will be removed.

6. PROPOSED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY ORDINANCE [Jerry Kirchgessner] - Councilmember Krom transmitted copies of the revised ordinance and the response to resident comments by letter of June 25 for review and comment prior to Council hearing on the matter. As stated in her letter, the City Attorney has reviewed the ordinance changes and is confident that the proposed revisions to the ordinance will not compromise the City's legal position. No further meeting is planned for the Task Force. The Council is scheduled to hear the matter on Sept 14.

7. CENTERLINE LIGHT-RAIL PROJECT & CALIF. HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT- Caltrans announced Aug 5 that it will be budgeting \$26 Million towards the project in 2008.

8. LOWER PETERS CANYON COMMUNITY PARK/BECKMAN HS JOINT-USE AGREEMENT - [Terry Kiser] - [Outstanding approved action: Setting up a meeting with TUSD to discuss potential/anticipated problems associated with parking and traffic congestion.] Kiser reported that he has received no response to his efforts to get volunteers from HOAs. It was, however, decided to hold the item open.

9. NEW FIRE STATION 55 - Per Deputy Fire Chief Begnell [8/10], the temporary station is expected to be in service in Sept. In-service has been delayed as the OCFA had determined that it would be unsafe to open the station without the signal being in operation on Portola Parkway due to the high speed of traffic on the street. The median and signal are presently being installed. The temporary station is already in place. Another temporary structure will be installed next week to house the fire truck.

10. JEFFREY OPEN-SPACE SPINE - At its July 13 meeting, the City Council selected the name of "Jeffrey Open Space Trail" as the official name for the name of the Spine over the 77 submitted names.

11. NORTHWOOD MILITARY MEMORIAL MONUMENT- Asher Milgrom, creator of the temporary memorial at Northwood Com. Park, gave a presentation to the O. C. Great Park Board last June 22 proposing a permanent memorial at the Great Park. Whether this would replace the desired memorial in Northwood is yet to be seen.

12. "SMART" PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF YALE FOR VENTA SPUR TRAIL - Ravenscroft reported that neither the present President of The Groves nor The Groves HOA management can find any records, materials, or documentation supporting their previous President's statement to the Planning Commission that The Groves does not want the Venta Spur Overpass at Sand Canyon. The Groves Board is open to discussing the matter further. Ravenscroft will pursue with the Board.

13. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN PA-11 ON SCE TOWER - The PC approved the application 5/0 at the July 15 meeting with a requirement that the equipment building height be reduced by converting from a 13' pitched roof to a 10' flat roof. [ITEM TO BE CLOSED]

NEW BUSINESS

1. NEW STORAGE CONTAINER FOR SIERRA VISTA MS - An Aug 3 notice has been received from the IUSD giving notice of its intent to place an additional storage container for musical instruments and theatrical equipment on the Sierra Vista Middle School site. A public meeting is scheduled for 6 PM on Wed., Aug 18 in the school's multi-purpose room. The School Board will hear the matter at the Aug 31 Board meeting.

2. ADA WHEELCHAIR RAMPS FOR IRVINE BLVD. - NIVA received a July 20 letter from Dave Mori of the City informing of a project to install a yellow detectable warning surface on the 20 recently installed concrete ramps [Attachment 6] between Culver and Jeffrey.

3. WIRELESS SERVICE TOWERS IN NORTHWOOD SHOPPING CENTER - Two applications have been submitted: (1) the first by Veloci Tel Inc. in behalf of AT&T proposes a new antenna and associated equipment cabinet supposedly screened from public view to be located in the back near the bend in Northwood. The ZA hearing is scheduled for Sept. 8; (2) the second by Tetra Tech Inc. in behalf of Nextel Communications which is proposing installation of a new 59' monopole pole and associated equipment shelter. It would be located at and replace the existing 53' monopole operated by Sprint PC. The new one would be a co-location for both Sprint PC and Nextel. The additional height is needed to accommodate co-location. It will be disguised with elm tree like foliage. The ZA is anticipated to hear the matter in Oct though no specific date has been noted.

4. LIQUOR SALES PERMIT FOR WALNUT MOBIL STATION -- Kirchgessner reported that Mobil has submitted a CUP modification requesting approval to sell liquor at its mini store/service station at the corner of Walnut and Culver. When the CUP was originally considered for construction of the station in 1995-96, 4 local HOAs (Colony, College Park, Greentree, and Irvine Groves) objected to the gas station and mini mart. An agreement was reached that no liquor would be sold and hours of mini-mart sales would be limited. Now Mobil is requesting a modification to the CUP to permit liquor sales. The PC is scheduled to hear the matter on Aug 19. It was agreed that a letter would be sent by NIVA to the PC prior to the hearing objecting to the modification and requesting that Mobil be held to the original agreement of not selling liquor at that location. [Letter faxed Aug 19 morning]

NEXT MEETING - Next meeting is Wed., Sept. 8, 2004

[] - Assignments or committee chairpersons.